

**CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS  
TITLE 3. FOOD AND AGRICULTURE  
DIVISION 4. PLANT INDUSTRY  
CHAPTER 2. FIELD CROPS  
SUBCHAPTER 2. COMMERCIAL FEED  
ARTICLE 11. INSPECTION TAX AND PLANT LICENSES**

**FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**UPDATE OF INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS/PLAIN ENGLISH POLICY  
STATEMENT OVERVIEW**

The Initial Statement of Reasons/Plain English Policy Statement Overview is still valid. A public hearing was not requested.

**SUPPORTING COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD**

The Department received no supporting comments.

**OPPOSING COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD**

The Department received no opposing comments.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The Department has determined that no alternative considered by the Department would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which these regulations are proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulations.

**ESTIMATED COSTS OR SAVINGS TO PUBLIC AGENCIES OR AFFECTED  
PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES**

The Department has determined that no savings or increased costs to any state agency, no costs under "Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4" of the Government Code to local agencies or school districts requiring reimbursement, no other nondiscretionary costs or savings imposed on local agencies, and no costs or savings in federal funding to the State will result from these proposed regulations. The Department has also determined that these proposed regulations do not impose a mandate on local agencies or school districts.

**SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

The Department has determined that the proposed changes in the regulations would result in minimal costs to small businesses. The \$100 annual license fee increase will cost the industry as a whole approximately \$168,500, and may impact small businesses.

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT ON AFFECTED BUSINESSES**

The Department has initially determined that the proposed change in the regulation would result in very minimal costs to the industry as a whole. There are approximately 1,685 feed licensees, and the current annual license fee is set at three hundred dollars (\$300). The one hundred dollar (\$100) yearly increase in the annual fee will cost the industry an additional \$168,500. This increase would also ensure the program reserve does not drop below the required twenty five percent of program expenditures.